

A nation which is only a trading and manufacturing nation—and England is nearly that—does not survive forever. Holland will serve as an example. The England which stood against the world was not a bargaining England, wrangling over tariffs and preferences. When she fought for her trade, she was fighting the larger battle of freedom. Traders do not fight, they compromise, as Holland compromised. They only fight well, who fight for their homes. England has lost touch with the land, and can rejuvenate herself only by contact with the land again. It is not too absurd to say that the future strength of England lies in the dominions beyond the sea, from which she will draw a new freshness.

What more can we Canadians do? We can be true to the ancient virtue of the race. We can by example urge England and the other portions of the Empire to be true to it also; and by being true to that we shall be true to one another. "This above all, to thine own self be true," is as applicable to a community as to a man. Canada will be loyal to England so long as England is loyal to herself.

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